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In re Application of	:	
Minoru Hasegawa et al	:	
Application No. 10/619,859	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 15, 2003	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
Attorney Docket No. 2500.68176	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed June 7, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) for the benefit of priority to prior-filed international Application No. PCT/JP01/00191, filed January 15, 2001, as set forth in the amendment to the first line of the specification filed on April 8, 2004 (certificate of mailing date of April 2, 2004).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:


- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) to the above-noted, prior-field PCT application is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Inquiries concerning this decision on petition should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

The Examiner has initialed the BIB sheet indicating approval of the reference to the prior filed PCT application. Accordingly, as the issue fee has been paid, this application will issue into a patent in due course.¹


Frances Hicks
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

¹ The status of this application indicates that the printing process may have progressed to the point where it will not be possible to include the priority information on the printed patent. If this occurs, petitioner may request a Certificate of Correction.



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This application is a CON of PCT/JP01/00191 01/15/2001

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/619,859**

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